

**Minutes**  
**Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing**  
**April 5, 2007**

**Members Present**

Dr. Bettie Rose Horne, Chair  
Ms. Cynthia C. Mosteller  
Mr. Neal J. Workman, Jr.

**Members Absent**

Mr. Hood Temple  
Col. John T. Bowden, Jr.

**Staff Present**

Dr. Tina Anderson  
Ms. JoAnn Biga  
Mr. Arik Bjorn  
Ms. Julie Carullo  
Ms. Renea Eshleman  
Dr. Paula Gregg  
Ms. Lane Jeselnik  
Dr. Lynn Kelley  
Mr. Clint Mullins  
Dr. Mike Raley  
Ms. De'Nitra Reese

**Guests Present**

Ms. Susan P. Allen, Greenville Technical College  
Ms. Anntoinette Arnold, Professional Golfers Career College  
Mr. Scott Arnold, Professional Golfers Career College  
Ms. Sandra Barbour, Northeastern Technical College  
Dr. Sally Boyd, USC  
Dr. Dan Coble, South University  
Dr. Kathy Coleman, South University  
Dr. Cheryl Cox, S.C. Technical College System  
Dr. Anthony Coyne, USC-Sumter  
Dr. Nancy Dunlap, Clemson  
Dr. Bill Fisk, Clemson  
Dr. Jack Gyves, Professional Golfers Career College

Dr. Carrie Ham, Forrest Junior College  
Dr. Doris Helms, Clemson  
Ms. Jan Hirt, Greenville Tech  
Dr. Shirley Houzer, S.C. State  
Dr. Debra Jackson, Clemson  
Ms. Pamela Johnson, Forrest Junior College  
Ms. Karen Jones, Winthrop University  
Ms. Judy LaBoone, Greenville Technical College  
Dr. Michelle Liken, South University  
Ms. Beth McInnis, Clemson  
Dr. Spike Metts, The Citadel  
Ms. Anne Patton, South University  
Dr. Chris Plyler, USC Regional System  
Ms. Sandra Powers, College of Charleston  
Ms. Hope Rivers, S.C. Technical College System  
Ms. Sandi Somerville, Professional Golfers Career College  
Dr. Tim Somerville, Professional Golfers Career College  
Dr. Charles Tiffin, Capella University  
Ms. Sharyl Thompson, Capella University  
Dr. Aileen Trainer, USC-Columbia  
Dr. Karen J. Viechnicki, Capella University  
Dr. Dr. Fran Welch, College of Charleston  
Dr. Dennis Wiseman, Coastal Carolina

Dr. Horne called the meeting to order at 1:12 a.m. and stated that the meeting was being held in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act.

## **1. Consideration of Minutes of November 2, 2006**

Mr. Workman **moved** that the minutes of November 2, 2006, be accepted as distributed and the motion was **seconded** by Ms. Mosteller. The motion was **approved unanimously**.

## **2. Consideration of New Program Proposals**

### **2.a. A.H.S., Diagnostic Medical Sonography, Greenville Technical College**

Ms. Jan Hirt introduced the item. It was **moved** (Workman) and **seconded** (Mosteller) to accept the staff's recommendation. Mr. Workman inquired if the institution will have clinical space for all students when program reaches its maximum enrollment. Ms. Hirt stated that the institution already has necessary clinical space for existing students and does not expect much growth within this program. Ms. Hirt replied to Ms. Mosteller's question on the inclusiveness of training in the program that students will be trained in both internal and external sonography but not in 3-D

Sonography. Ms. Mosteller asked if it is unusual to have 76 credit hours for this type of program. Ms. Hirt responded that it is not and that most of the credit hours are clinical-based courses. Dr. Horne asked if the local hospitals will provide funds for this program. Ms. Hirt responded that the program will receive faculty from the hospital staff but no direct funding. Without further discussion, the Committee **voted unanimously to commend favorably** to the Commission Greenville Technical College's program leading to the A.H.S. degree with a major in Diagnostic Medical Sonography to be implemented in Spring 2007.

## **2.b. A.H.S., Nursing (ADN), Northeastern Technical College**

Ms. Sandra Barbour introduced the item. It was **moved** (Mosteller) and **seconded** (Workman) to accept the staff's recommendation. Ms. Mosteller asked for confirmation that most nurses with an associate degree remain in the area in which they graduated to practice nursing. Ms. Barbour stated that statistics show that this is a national and state pattern. Dr. Horne noted that there is a 22% turnover each year in nursing at the same hospital. Ms. Barbour responded that most of the turnover occurs when nurses are leaving smaller hospitals for larger hospitals with higher salaries with more benefits. Dr. Kelley stated that while some nursing leaders agree for greater numbers of baccalaureate nurses to be educated, associate degree graduates continue to be the backbone of the profession. Without further discussion, the Committee **voted unanimously to commend favorably** to the Commission Northeastern Technical College's program leading to the A.H.S. degree with a major in Nursing to be implemented in Fall 2007.

## **2.c. B.A., Liberal Studies at the Regional Campuses, USC-Columbia**

Dr. Chris Plyler introduced the item. It was **moved** (Workman) and **seconded** (Mosteller) to accept the staff's recommendation. Ms. Mosteller inquired if the degree granted will be a degree from USC-Columbia. Dr. Plyler replied that it would be. He stated that all regional campuses are accredited with Columbia campus and some regional campuses are currently offering some upper-level courses. Dr. Kelley stated that PASCAL will be very important to this program for providing high-powered contemporary scientific and humanistic journals. Without further discussion, the Committee **voted unanimously to commend favorably** to the Commission the program leading to the B.A. degree with a major in Liberal Studies by USC-Columbia to be offered at the Regional Campuses to be implemented in Spring 2007.

## **2d. M.A.T., Performing Arts, College of Charleston**

Dr. Fran Welch introduced the item. It was **moved** (Workman) and **seconded** (Mosteller) to accept the staff's recommendation. Ms. Mosteller inquired if undergraduate performing arts program can lead to teacher education certification. Dr. Welch replied that at some institutions, students can receive performing arts teacher certification at the undergraduate level, but at College of Charleston you can only receive this type certification at the graduate level. Mr. Workman inquired if the students will

get experience in the schools by doing clinicals. Dr. Welch replied that the students will be required to do student teaching in the local schools. Dr. Horne asked if the 271 vacancies is correct for performing arts teachers that are needed in the lowcountry. Dr. Welch replied that this information is correct and she received this data from the Charleston Arts Coordinator. Without further discussion, the Committee **voted unanimously to commend favorably** to the Commission College of Charleston's program leading to the M.A.T. degree with a Major in Performing Arts, to be implemented in Spring 2007.

## **2e. M.Ed., Early Childhood Education, Clemson**

Dr. Doris Helms introduced the item. It was **moved** (Workman) and **seconded** (Mosteller) to accept the staff's recommendation. Ms. Mosteller asked why the lead faculty member would have an office at the University Center of Greenville. Dr. Helms stated that most of Clemson's graduate courses in this program are offered at the University Center of Greenville. Dr. Horne asked how the need was established for this program. Dr. Helms stated that schools throughout the state need this type of program's graduates and that students have requested it. Without further discussion, the Committee **voted unanimously to commend favorably** to the Commission Clemson's program leading to the M.Ed. degree with a major in Early Childhood Education, to be implemented in Fall 2007.

## **2f. M.S., Biotechnology, Clemson**

Dr. Helms introduced the item. It was **moved** (Workman) and **seconded** (Mosteller). Dr. Helms stated that USC-Columbia has a biotechnology program that focused on management, whereas Clemson's program will focus on research. Mr. Workman stated that he congratulates Clemson for researching the need of the industry and addressing that need. Without further discussion, the Committee **voted unanimously to commend favorably** to the Commission Clemson's program leading to the M.S. degree with a major in Biotechnology, to be implemented in Fall 2008.

## **2g. Center for Biological Interfaces of Engineering (CBIOE)**

Dr. Helms introduced the item. It was **moved** (Mosteller) and **seconded** (Workman). Dr. Helms stated that the purpose of this Center is to interface between the University and the medical private sector. Ms. Mosteller inquired how students will be recruited to the program. Dr. Helms stated that a National Science Foundation grant will assist Clemson with recruiting master's level students. Without further discussion, the Committee **voted unanimously to commend favorably** to the Commission the Center for Biological Interfaces of Engineering to be implemented immediately upon approval.

### **3. Consideration of Request for Initial License to Recruit in South Carolina: Capella University, Minneapolis, MN**

Dr. Horne asked that Dr. Karen Viechnicki give a brief description of the item. It was **moved** (Mosteller) and **seconded** (Workman). Dr. Viechnicki stated that Capella University is interested in recruiting South Carolina residents. She also stated that Capella is an on-line University with approximately 19,000 students. Ms. Mosteller asked if Capella's Master's degree programs meet South Carolina Department of Education certification requirements. Dr. Viechnicki stated that none of the programs are for initial teacher certifications. However, students must sign a disclaimer that states that they are aware that this program does not receive licensure in South Carolina. Dr. Horne inquired on what a student might do with the M.S. degree in Human Services since they cannot be licensed. Dr. Kelley responded that some students desire this type of program to give them options of employment requiring a degree in a field but not licensure. Dr. Viechnicki stated that Capella would eventually add courses to comply with South Carolina licensure requirements. Dr. Neal asked if the entire program be offered by distance learning. Dr. Viechnicki replied yes. Mr. Workman also asked how an employer would know that this particular program does not lead to licensure. Ms. Eshleman replied that not all employment positions require state licensure. Students are either already working and want credentials but do not want licensure. Students in this situation understand that they will need additional coursework to obtain licenses. Dr. Horne inquired about the cost of the program. Dr. Viechnicki stated that the program cost is approximately \$30,000 to \$40,000. Dr. Horne asked how Capella will compete in the state. Dr. Viechnicki stated that Capella will offer quality and convenience. Ms. Mosteller asked if the Commission would approve this program assuming a public institution in South Carolina might choose to advance it. Dr. Kelley stated that if the program would meet the institution's mission and could show a demand for it, the program might be approved. Without further discussion, the Committee **voted unanimously to commend favorably** to the Commission to the Capella University's request for initial licensure for five years beginning immediately to recruit South Carolina residents into programs leading to the B.S. degree in (1) Business and (2) Information Technology; the Master of Business Administration; the M.S. degree in (1) Education, (2) Human Services, (3) Information Technology, (4) Organization and Management, (5) Psychology, (6) and Public Safety; the Ph.D. degree in (1) Education, (2) Human Services, (3) Information Technology, (4) Organization and Management, (5) Psychology (6) Public Safety; and the Doctorate degree in Psychology.

### **4. Consideration of Request for Amendment to License:**

#### **a. A.A.S., Criminal Justice, Forrest Junior College, Anderson, S.C.**

Dr. Horne asked that Dr. Ham and Ms. Johnson give a brief description of this item. It was **moved** (Workman) and **seconded** (Mosteller). Ms. Johnson stated that the Anderson community asked for this program which will allow officers to attend an institution within the city limits of Anderson. By being enrolled in an institution within

the city limits, officers can attend classes while on-duty. Ms. Mosteller asked if Southern Wesleyan is out of city limits. Ms. Johnson responded that Southern Wesleyan is not within city limits. Mr. Workman asked for the expected enrollment. Ms. Johnson stated that they are expecting an enrollment of 25 students within the first year. Dr. Horne asked how this college will compete given its high tuition cost. Ms. Johnson stated the convenience of location will be a valuable asset. Also, the officers will be able to receive the PELL Grant and some will get employment reimbursement. Without further discussion, the Committee **voted unanimously to commend favorably** to the Commission the request for an amendment to the license for Forrest Junior College to offer the program leading to A.A.S degree with a major in Criminal Justice to be implemented April 2007.

**b. R.N., to B.S.N., South University, Columbia, S.C.**

Dr. Horne asked that Drs. Patton and Liken give a brief description of this item. It was **moved** (Workman) and **seconded** (Horne). Dr. Horne asked where clinicals will be held. Dr. Liken responded that the students will be able to choose the location of their clinical. Dr. Patton added that the students will already hold a license and will have one-on-one experience. These clinicals are not like the traditional ones in programs for RN licensure. Without further discussion, the Committee **voted unanimously to commend favorably** to the Commission the request for an amendment to the license of South University to offer the program leading to the B.S.N. degree with a major in Nursing, to be implemented January 2008.

**5. Consideration of Request for Initial License:**

**Professional Golfers Career College, Temecula, CA**

**Specialized Associates Degree in Professional Golf Management**

Dr. Horne asked that Dr. Somerville give a brief description of this item. It was **moved** (Workman) and **seconded** (Horne). Dr. Horne inquired if this was a certificate program. Dr. Somerville responded that students will earn an associate degree. Dr. Horne stated that all the classes seem basic and asked if the students will not receive more focused training. Dr. Somerville stated that the more focused subjects are embedded into other courses. Dr. Helms stated that Clemson University offers a B.S. degree in Golf Management and the Clemson staff sees this program as competition for resources. Without further discussion, the Committee **voted unanimously to commend favorably** to the Commission the request for initial licensure (five years) to the Professional Golfers Career College to offer a program leading to the Specialized Associate degree in Professional Golf Management, to be implemented in September 2007.

## **6. Consideration of Report on Program Productivity, Fall 2000-Fall 2005, Executive Summary**

Dr. Kelley introduced this item. It was **moved** (Workman) and **seconded** (Horne). An updated handout was distributed to the Commissioners. Dr. Horne asked why programs at the institutions need to meet productivity standards. Dr. Kelley responded that CHE passed a policy requesting this report to assure that state funds were being invested wisely in academic programs. Dr. Horne asked why a program would be exempted from productivity standards. Dr. Kelley replied that exception may be granted for several reasons, e.g., an understanding of the centrality of the program to the University or the uniqueness of the program to the state. Dr. Trainer stated that many programs are quality programs but due to lack of student interest or loss of faculty, the programs fail to meet productivity standards. Dr. Helms added that most recently there has been a significant loss of faculty due to retirements in some programs and that this condition has led to lower student enrollment in these fields. Without further discussion, the Committee **voted unanimously to commend favorably** to the Commission the program productivity report with all recommendations in the report.

## **7. Consideration of Annual Evaluation of Associate Degree Programs, FY 2004-05**

Dr. Kelley introduced this item. It was **moved** (Workman) and **seconded** (Horne). Dr. Kelley stated that this is an annual report that must be approved by CHE. Dr. Kelley also stated that the current report represents the highest percentage of productivity of for the associate degree programs. Dr. Horne congratulated the state technical colleges for doing a great job in meeting standards. Dr. Horne asked Dr. Plyler why USC-Columbia is continuing to offer an associate degree program at Fort Jackson. Dr. Plyler stated that USC-Columbia offers a program at Fort Jackson at the request of the Department of Defense in which only military personnel and their families enroll. Dr. Trainer stated that the military approached USC because they were interested in a USC-Columbia degree. Dr. Plyler stated USC may expand baccalaureate offerings to Fort Jackson. There was a revision to the recommendation that “USC-Columbia will discuss with CHE future status of programs being offered and how those programs pertain to USC-Columbia’s mission statement. Without further discussion, the Committee **voted unanimously to commend favorably** to the Commission the report of the Annual Evaluation of Associate Degree Programs, FY 2004-05.

## **8. Consideration of Improving teaching Quality Competitive Grant Awards, FY 2007-08**

### **a. Funding Allocation to Continuing ITQ Awards, FY 2007-08**

### **b. New ITQ Awards, FY 2007-08**

Dr. Gregg introduced items 4a and 4b. Both items were **moved** (Workman) and **seconded** (Horne). Dr. Welch asked if there will be a call for submitting proposals for the 2007-08 year. Dr. Gregg stated that it depends on availability of funds. Without

further discussion, the Committee voted unanimously to approve on behalf of the Commission the review panel's funding recommendations

**9. Consideration of Centers of Excellence (Teacher Education)**

**a. New Center, FY 2007-08**

**b. Funding Allocation to Existing Centers, FY 2007-08**

**c. Appropriations Request, FY 2008-09**

Dr. Gregg introduced the items. All items were moved (Workman) and seconded (Horne). The Committee voted unanimously to commend favorably to the Commission the review panel's recommendations for funding of the Centers of Excellence Grant Awards and request to authorize seeking an increase of \$16,112 or 2.2% from the Education Oversight Committee for this program.

**10. Consideration of Annual Report on Admissions Standards for First-Time Entering Freshman, Fall 2006**

Dr. Kelley introduced the item. It was moved (Workman) and seconded (Horne). Dr. Kelley stated that SC is making progress. More students are applying and being accepted to SC public institutions. Dr. Gregg stated that a majority of the institutions improved compliance rate with the prerequisites. Lander and South Carolina State were the only two institutions that decreased in compliance. She stated that Lander has a new policy that will be implemented in the Fall of 2007. South Carolina State submitted a plan of action but has not implemented it yet. Dr. Horne asked how institutions showed both that they did not have any provisional students but not be meeting the standards of prerequisites. Dr. Gregg stated that CHE will request that institutions provide this definition of a provisional student to help answer that question. Dr. Horne suggested that Recommendation Four be removed from consideration. The Committee agreed to this request and without further discussion, the Committee voted to unanimously to commend favorably to the Commission the Annual Report on Admissions Standards for First-Time Entering Freshman for Fall 2006.

**11. Consideration of Annual Report on Advanced Placement Course Acceptance Policies, FY 2005-06**

Dr. Kelley introduced this item. It was moved (Workman) and seconded (Horne). Without any discussion, the Committee voted to unanimously to commend favorably to the Commission the Annual Report on Advanced Placement Acceptance Policies, FY 2005-06.



**12. Adjournment**

Dr. Horne thanked those in attendance for the participation and staff for their work. Hearing no further business, Dr. Horne adjourned the meeting at 3:24 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

De'Nitra Reese